

Please take action to protect balanced news access. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We need to see balanced presentations of political issues, real people from our own communities, and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions are reprehensible and unfair. They are taking advantage of their ability to own and control stations nation-wide. We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, in order to protect the access to information of people and interests that aren't wealthy corporations. Thank you for your consideration.